

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 18, 2005

- I. President Pro Tem Martha Myers called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:10 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Park Director Chuck Wilt.
 - B. Pledge – President Pro Tem Martha Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Ann Devore moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of January 3, 2005. August Tindell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. August Tindell moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting of January 10, 2005. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
 - E. George Dutro made a motion to re-elect Martha Myers as President Pro Tem for the Columbus City Council for the year 2005. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. Martha Myers abstained from voting.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. None
- I. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2005, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Sunright America, Inc.) Vicky Gochenour, Program Director for Community Development, introduced Mr. Toshiaki Takeuchi, Administration Director for Sunright America, Inc. Mr. Takeuchi explained Sunright America, Inc. is a manufacturer of automotive fasteners. He stated the corporation was going to expand their facility and purchase new manufacturing equipment at a cost of \$2,320,000. As a result of the expansion, 49 jobs would be retained and 12 new jobs would be added. Vicky Gochenour indicated this was Sunright America, Inc. fifth (5) tax abatement. Robert Kittle reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Sunright America, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve this Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2005, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Chuck Wilt, Director of the Columbus City Parks Department presented the Resolution. Along with Chuck Wilt, was Jerry Littrell, President of the Park Board. Chuck

indicated this Resolution was presented in order to release the capital improvement projects that had already been approved by the Columbus City Council under the Ordinance No. 23, 2004, Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2005 (City Budget) and more specifically under Resolution No. 33, 2004 - Resolution to Incur Indebtedness. The Resolution was approved for the Public Works Project for the Parks Department in the amount of \$1,032,178. Chuck explained the Resolution needed to be amended by striking the first item from the list being Greenbelt Building Lease in the amount of \$25,000.00. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Resolution to exclude the first item on the Resolution - Greenbelt Building Lease. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Discussion followed regarding the project items. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Amended Resolution. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2005, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALES OF PROPERTIES OBTAINED THROUGH THE GOOD NEIGHBORS PROGRAM AND FOR PLACEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALES WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Jim Clouse, employee of Community Development presented this Resolution. Jim explained the Good Neighbors Program and how the proceeds from the sales of property would be spent to serve low to moderate income families or promote community development. Much discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Resolution as follows: In item 1. under the Now Therefore clause, it would read

1. That the City of Columbus shall sell the properties it has received by way of HUD’s Good Neighbors Program and place the proceeds of such sales with the City of Columbus Community Development Department for the purpose of applying the proceeds from such sales to fund programs **that fall within HUD Guidelines.**

In Item 2. The name of Jim Clouse is removed. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. August Tindell made a motion to pass the Resolution as amended. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

- D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2005, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING POLICY FOR TRANSFER BETWEEN CERTAIN FUNDS.” Oakel Hardy presented this Ordinance. Oakel indicated the transfers in question in the Ordinance had been the prior practice of the City for many years. This Ordinance would simply give the Clerk Treasurer written authority to make those transfers. George Dutro made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on first reading. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously – vote 5 to 0. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

III. Other Business

- A. Reports – Robert Kittle indicated he had been involved with the contract for the consulting company for the ambulance survey. That report should be ready in 10 to 12 weeks.

- B. Martha Myers explained the new website the city has developed called Columbus Area Alert Center.
- C. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is Tuesday, February 1, 2005 in the Cal Brand Meeting Hall at 5:30 o'clock P.M.
- D. Adjourn – Robert Kittle moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer